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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of testing a mobile telephone terminal comprising

the steps of:

transmitting from a test apparatus to the terminal on a downlink a predetermined data

pattern which the terminal will recognize and which will prompt the terminal to transmit an

access request on an uplink,

the terminal receiving said predetermined data pattern and responding by transmitting an

access request to the test apparatus on the uplink, and

the test apparatus receiving the access request and analyzing the access request to assess

the performance of the terminal based upon assessment of the access request alone.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which multiple predetermined data patterns

are provided for testing the terminal under different operating conditions, each data pattern

prompting a different response from the terminal in transmitting an access request.

3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 2 in which said multiple predetermined data

patterns are such that they each prompt the terminal to transmit an access request at a different

power level.

4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 2 in which said multiple

predetermined data patterns are such that they each specify a different maximum number of times the terminal should send an access request if the terminal receives a response to none of

them.

5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which said predetermined data

pattern is transmitted multiple times at different power levels and the response of the terminal

analyzed to determine a threshold at which the terminal fails to transmit an access request.

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(Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which said predetermined data pattern is transmitted to the terminal on a cable connection.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in claims 1 in which said predetermined data pattern is

transmitted to the terminal over an air interface.

8. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 7 in which the air interface is screened from

other signals.

9. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the access request is

analyzed by a power measurement.

10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the access request is

analyzed by a modulation quality measurement.

11. (Previously Presented) Test apparatus for testing a mobile telephone terminal, the test

apparatus being structured and arranged to transmit a predetermined data pattern on a downlink to prompt a response from the terminal in the form of an access request on an uplink, the test

apparatus being structured and arranged to analyze the access request and produce a test result

based upon assessment of the access request alone.

12. (Original) Test apparatus as claimed in claim 11 which generates multiple

predetermined data patterns for testing the terminal under different operating conditions of

transmission power level and/or maximum number of access requests to be transmitted if there is

no response to any of them.

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13. (Previously Presented) Test apparatus as claimed in claim 11 which is adapted to vary the power level at which the test apparatus transmits said predetermined data pattern and to

analyze the response to each from the terminal.

14. (Previously Presented) Test apparatus as claimed in claim 11 which is connected to the

terminal to transmit said predetermined data pattern either by a cable connection or an air

interface.

15. (Previously Presented) Test apparatus as claimed in claim 11 which is adapted to

analyze the access request by making a power measurement.

16. (Previously Presented) Test apparatus as claimed in claim 11 which is adapted to

analyze the access request by making a modulation quality measurement.

17. (Previously Presented) Test apparatus for testing a mobile telephone terminal, the test

apparatus comprising a memory to store a predetermined data pattern and a transmitter to

transmit said predetermined data pattern on a downlink to said mobile telephone terminal in

order to prompt a response from said mobile telephone terminal in the form of an access request

on an uplink to the test apparatus, a receiver to receive said access request on the uplink from the

terminal, and a processor to analyze said access request and produce an assessment of the performance of the terminal based upon assessment of the access request alone.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of testing a mobile telephone terminal comprising the

steps of:

transmitting from a test apparatus to the terminal on a downlink a predetermined data

pattern which the terminal will recognize and which will prompt the terminal to transmit an

access request on an uplink,

the terminal receiving said predetermined data pattern and responding by transmitting to

the test apparatus an access request, and

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the test apparatus receiving said access request and analyzing it to assess the performance of the terminal based upon assessment of the access request and without-prompting replying to the terminal to do anything other than transmit in response to said access request.

 (Currently Amended) Test apparatus for testing a mobile telephone terminal comprising: a memory for storing a predetermined data pattern,

a generator for generating a signal corresponding to said predetermined data pattern on a downlink, said signal being adapted to be recognizable by the terminal and to trigger it to transmit an access request on an uplink, and

a detector for detecting and analyzing said access request to assess the performance of the terminal, the apparatus having no capability of continuing communication with and without replying to the terminal in response to said access request-other than through said signal on the downlink.